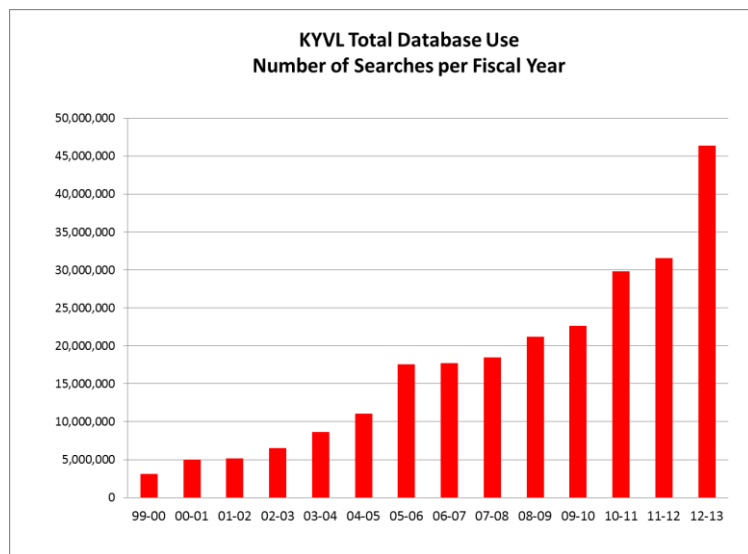


For the Greater Good: How KYVL Strives to Serve Kentucky

Demand for the electronic materials made available through the Kentucky Virtual Library continues to grow as seen in the graph to the right.

The Kentucky Virtual Library provides leadership to the library community of the Commonwealth through sharing financial and human resources, best practices in service and resource sharing, and coordinating statewide, P20 delivery of digital content to serve education, workforce, and the citizenry. KYVL successfully brings together colleges and universities, schools, and public libraries to lower costs and improve efficiencies through joint purchasing of services and acquisitions of content.



Since 1999, KYVL's value increases each year due to the growing demand for all types (articles, course content, photographs, audio, and video) of digital resources by all levels of education, businesses and citizens. KYVL is available to all Kentuckians and regularly serves over 1.8 million people from the 1,500 designated locations of its 300 cost-sharing member organizations. Through its economies of scale, KYVL is highly cost efficient and effective, and it ensures equity of access for all to its valuable resources.

KYVL has completed its 2010-13 Strategic Plan and will soon announce the 2013-16 plan. As part of the planning process, KYVL's 15th anniversary celebration will be included in the fall 2014 calendar. The KYVL Leadership Team and Alliance, representing all of KYVL's constituent groups, provides invaluable direction and expertise as they review feedback from stakeholders and complete the analysis necessary to define the Kentucky Virtual Library's strategic direction.

The Kentucky Learning Depot, the P-20 OER (open education resources) collaborative now part of KYVL, gives a framework for educators to find, share, and repurpose digital learning content to improve their course and classroom. KDE, KCTCS, and CPE share a multi-year agreement with the National Repository of Online Courses to meet objectives of cost savings,

sharing quality content, and maximizing resources. The repository generates efficiencies in course development by allowing educators to create resources once and reuse and share them many times. The “open access” community (and research funders) endorses more open and unrestricted access to content in ways that make that public-funded content accessible to citizens and other scholars. Creative Commons, Learning Registry, Connexions, and OpenCourseware Consortium are just a few of the organizations behind beneficial and transformative changes in digital content sharing.

KYVL benefits reach all corners of the Commonwealth as evidenced in the annual and cumulative statistics generated by its programs.

Since 1999:

- 111 million+ searches by public postsecondary users in KYVL-sponsored databases, such as articles, citations, maps, and other digital content.
- 39 percent of total searches of KYVL-licensed resources came from public postsecondary members.
- 244 million+ total searches by all KYVL members in the article, citation and content databases.
- \$7.5 million saved in shipping costs by participating universities, colleges and public libraries.
- 1.9 million items transported, such as lab kits, multimedia, and book discussion kits, by KYVL’s Courier Service with dedicated delivery to 445 stops at 187 locations including the state university libraries, KCTCS, the state library, and some AICCU institutions.

In Fiscal Year 2012-13:

- 46.4 million searches of article, index, and abstract databases for P20 users in FY 2012-13.
- 11 million downloads of full text covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and interests. 1.4 million digital artifacts in the Kentucky Digital Library preserving community and cultural memory.
- 80,000 eTextbooks, course modules and learning objects available via the Kentucky Learning Depot.
- \$15 million saved in library management system costs by all of the state university libraries, KCTCS, Kentucky Department for Library and Archives, Kentucky History Center, and seven other affiliate libraries.